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Extensions of ongoing country programmes

Note by the secretariat

Summary

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2009/11, this note informs the Executive Board of the first one-year extensions of the country programmes for Lesotho, Liberia and Nicaragua, approved by the Executive Director.

Draft decision

The Executive Board

Takes note of the one-year extensions of the country programmes for Lesotho, Liberia and Nicaragua, which were approved by the Executive Director and are presented in the table that follows.

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Table

First one-year extensions of ongoing country programmes approved by the Executive Director

UNICEF-supported country programme	*Original programme period*	*Year/period approved for extension*	*Reasons for the extension*
Lesotho	2013-2017	2018 *one-year extension*	– To align with the extension of the National Strategic Development Plan 2012/13-2016/17 until 2018. – To harmonize with the request from the United Nations country team to extend the Lesotho United Nations Development Assistance Plan 2013-2017 by one year, until 2018.
Liberia	2013-2017	2018 *one-year extension*	– To align with the extension of the National Development and Poverty Strategy, *Agenda for Transformation 2012-2017*, which will be extended for one year. – To allow sufficient time for the implementation of activities that had been suspended during the outbreak of the Ebola virus under the current country programme document. – To allow for consultation with the incoming Government administration, which will take office in January 2018 following national elections scheduled for November 2017. – To align with the one-year extension of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework 2013-2017 and the One Programme that was approved by the Government and now covers the period 2013 to 2018.
Nicaragua	2013-2017	2018 *one-year extension*	– To allow for a harmonized approach with other United Nations agencies to extend the country programme for one year. – To allow time for the completion of the programming process.